## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate the City of North Vernon on its Sesquicentennial Anniversary.

Whereas, in 1851, the prospective crossing of the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad and the Madison & Indianapolis Railroad in southeastern Indiana significantly increased the interest and prominence of this location as a site for a new town;

Whereas, in 1852 when the location of the crossing was established, businessmen Hagerman Tripp and Hiram Prather purchased 250 acres of land surrounding the location. Then in June 1854, a new town named Tripton, now known as North Vernon, was recorded and platted;

Whereas, the first house in North Vernon, a two-story frame, was built in 1852. The second house, the oldest structure still standing in North Vernon, was built by Hiram Prather as his residence in 1853;

Whereas, in 1853, the first post office was established and the first church, the North Vernon Methodist Church,



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was organized in Hiram Prather's cabin;

Whereas, in July 1867, North Vernon was incorporated as a town and the name was officially changed from Tripton to North Vernon;

Whereas, natural disasters, as well as defining moments in history, such as the Industrial Revolution and the Great Depression, have impacted and helped to shape the City of North Vernon over the last 150 years; and

Whereas, through the dedication and commitment of its citizens, city officials and leaders, North Vernon continues to be a center of opportunity for all of Jennings County: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the proud history of North Vernon and congratulates its citizens on the celebration of the town's Sesquicentennial Anniversary.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the City of North Vernon and to the North Vernon Sesquicentennial Committee.



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